

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-20 and 22-29 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 2, 12 and 21 are canceled and claims 1, 3, 11, 13, 20 and 22 are amended. Claims 1, 11 and 20 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 12 and 21, respectively. Claims 3, 13 and 22 are amended to correct their dependency in view of the cancellation of claims 2, 12 and 21. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Telephone Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Harkness for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the April 16, 2004 telephone interview. During the telephone interview, Examiner Harkness agreed that the above amendments to the claims would be entered and that the above amendments to the claims place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is Applicant's understanding that the application is now in condition for allowance.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Harkness for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-6, 10, 12-16, 19, 21-25 and 29. By this Response, independent claims 1, 11 and 20 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 12 and 21. In addition, claims 11 and 20 are amended so that the recitation of the feature "...determining if the low value is 1" has been changed to "...determining if the low value is lower than a low predicate" in order to be consistent with the amendments to claim 1. Therefore, it is Applicant's understanding that the amendments to the independent claims overcome all of the outstanding rejections and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

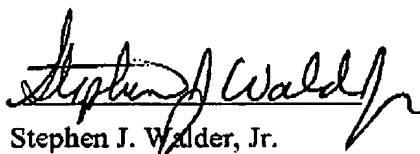
III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over Maslennikov, Santhanam and the Java Virtual Machine Specification, and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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